

"SEC. 4233C. Every vessel that shall be navigated without complying with the provisions of section 4233, or the regulations established in pursuance of section 4233A, shall be liable to a penalty of \$500, one-half to go to the informer, for which sum the vessel so navigated shall be liable and may be seized and proceeded against by action in any district court of the United States having jurisdiction of the offense."

Penalty for vessel.
Ante, pp. 250, 256.

SEC. 5. Where any Navy or Coast Guard vessel of special construction, as certified to by the Secretary of the Navy, or the Secretary of the Treasury in the case of Coast Guard vessels operating under the Treasury Department, or such official or officials as either may designate, is now or may hereafter by virtue of statute, convention, or treaty, be exempt from compliance with any requirements of the International Rules of the Road, such type of vessel shall similarly be exempt from compliance with any corresponding requirement under the rules specified in this Act.

Exemption of certain vessels.
Ante, p. 69.

SEC. 6. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 1949.

Effective date.

Approved May 21, 1948.

[CHAPTER 329]

AN ACT

Authorizing an appropriation for investigating the oyster beds damaged or destroyed by the intrusion of fresh water and the blockage of natural passages west of the Mississippi River in the vicinity of Lake Mechant and Bayou Severin, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and by the opening of the Bonnet Carre Spillway, and for other purposes.

May 21, 1948
[H. R. 3505]
[Public Law 545]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is authorized to be appropriated the sum of not to exceed \$50,000 to enable the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, to investigate and study the means and methods best adaptable to the rehabilitation, replanting and maintenance of the oyster beds in the States of Louisiana and Mississippi that have been or may be destroyed through the operation of the Bonnet Carre Spillway and through the intrusion of fresh water and the blockage of natural passages west of the Mississippi River in the vicinity of Lake Mechant and Bayou Severin, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

Oyster beds, La. and Miss. Appropriation authorized.

Approved May 21, 1948.

[CHAPTER 330]

AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to Carolina Power and Light Company to construct, maintain, and operate a dam in the Lumber River.

May 21, 1948
[H. R. 5543]
[Public Law 546]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to Carolina Power and Light Company, its successors or assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a dam in, and modify the channel of, the Lumber River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, approximately three and one-half miles south of Lumberton, North Carolina, and approximately one and one-half miles below the United States Highway Numbered 74 bridge in Robeson County, North Carolina: *Provided*, That the work shall not be commenced until the plans therefor have been submitted to and approved by the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, and by the Secretary of the Army, and a permit for the construction be issued by them: *Provided further*, That this Act shall not be construed to authorize the use of such dam to develop water power or generate hydroelectric energy.

Lumber River. Construction, etc., of dam.

Approval of plans.

Restriction.